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High-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/70/L.54

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 (a) and (c) and 11 (a) and (b) of draft resolution A/70/L.54, the General Assembly would decide that:

(a) The high-level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants shall consist of a plenary meeting and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables, and the organizational arrangements will be as follows:

(i) The opening plenary meeting will take place in the General Assembly Hall from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.;

(ii) Following the opening meeting, the plenary meeting will be held simultaneously in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.;

(iii) The sequence envisaged for the round tables (although this could be subject to modification, in consultation with Member States) is that round tables 1, 2 and 3 will be held in parallel, each running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and round tables 4, 5 and 6 will be held in parallel, each running from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

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(iv) The closing plenary meeting will take place in the General Assembly Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.;

(b) The outcome document for the high-level meeting will be adopted during the opening plenary meeting;

(c) The process of intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document will be in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly;

(d) The initial draft of the outcome document will be prepared by the co-facilitators on the basis of views provided by Member States.

II. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1 of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraphs 1 and 11 of draft resolution A/70/L.54, the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants would be held on 19 September 2016. The high-level meeting would consist of a plenary meeting and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables. The plenary meeting would consist of an opening plenary meeting to be held from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. followed by two parallel plenary meetings to be held from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. and a closing plenary meeting to be held from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. The six round tables would be held as follows: round tables 1-3 would be held in parallel from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and round tables 4-6 would be held in parallel from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

4. Accordingly, the opening plenary meeting, the parallel plenary meetings and the closing plenary meeting would require eight meetings with interpretation in all six languages and verbatim records, of which two meetings would be covered from existing entitlements of the General Assembly. In addition, the six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables would require six meetings with interpretation in all six languages but would not have verbatim records. Accordingly, a total of 14 meetings (7 in the morning and 7 in the afternoon) would take place on 19 September 2016. Thus, a total of 12 meetings with interpretation in all six languages and a total of 6 meetings with verbatim records in all six languages would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2016. This would entail additional requirements for meetings services in the amount of $72,000 and for verbatim services in the amount of $186,000 in 2016.

5. Furthermore, the request for documentation contained in operative paragraphs 1 (c) and 11 (b) of the draft resolution would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one document of 10,700 words to be issued in all six languages in 2016. This would entail additional requirements for documentation services in the amount of $47,000 in 2016.

IV. Financial implications of the proposals

6. Additional conference-servicing requirements of $305,000 for the biennium 2016-2017 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 to implement the additional workload. The details of these additional requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Amount
Interpretation	72 000
Verbatim services	186 000
Pre-session documentation	47 000
Total	**305 000**

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

7. No provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the activities requested under operative paragraphs 1 and 11 of the draft resolution. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that additional non-recurrent resources in the amount of $305,000 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017.

VI. Contingency fund

8. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/70/L.54, additional resources in the amount of $305,000 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The amount of $305,000 would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017 to be approved by the General Assembly.

10. The attention of the General Assembly is drawn to the present statement of programme budget implications. If the Assembly were to adopt the draft resolution at its seventieth session, the present statement of programme budget implications would be reissued as a revised estimate for the seventy-first session. The Fifth Committee will examine, during the main part of the seventy-first session of the Assembly, both the revised estimate arising from the draft resolution and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.